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- (a) In this section, "Steering Committee" means the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease.
- (b) There is a Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease.
 - (c) The Steering Committee shall include representatives from:
- (1) Local and national groups that advocate for individuals with sickle cell disease;
- (2) Interest and support groups for individuals with sickle cell disease;
 - (3) Community and consumer groups;
- (4) Academic and private clinical settings with knowledge and experience caring for adults with sickle cell disease;
 - (5) Area hospitals caring for individuals with sickle cell disease; and
 - (6) Pediatric clinics that care for children with sickle cell disease.
 - (d) The Steering Committee shall:
 - (1) Establish institution and community partnerships;
- (2) Establish a statewide network of stakeholders who care for individuals with sickle cell disease;
- (3) Educate individuals with sickle cell disease, the public, and health care providers about the State options for care of sickle cell disease; and
- (4) Identify funding sources for implementing or supporting the actions, studies, policies, regulations, or laws recommended by the Steering Committee, including funding from:
 - (i) State, federal, and local government sources; and

(ii) Private sources.

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